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SUBJECT: SCHEDULING AFGHAN DONOR MEETING IN JORDAN MAY
15-17, 2004

REF: SECSTATE 99743

1. (U) Action request for Kabul: The Jordanians have agreed to organize and host a meeting between Afghan ministers and GCC counterparts on the margins of the World Economic Forum in Jordan on May 15-17. We understand that the meeting is an opportunity for the Afghan ministers to brief GCC officials on their country's financial needs; pledges are not expected at this meeting. The Jordanians will issue invitations for the meeting. However, they have requested our assistance in obtaining the schedules of Afghan Foreign Minister Abdullah and Finance Minister Ghani to ensure a mutually convenient time for all participants involved. Your assistance in obtaining this information is appreciated.

2. (U) Action request for Department: Please advise whether U/S Larson wishes to attend this meeting, and if so, when would be most suitable. Also, please advise if any other U.S. representatives plan to participate, and their availability for such a meeting.

3. (U) Kabul minimize considered.
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